



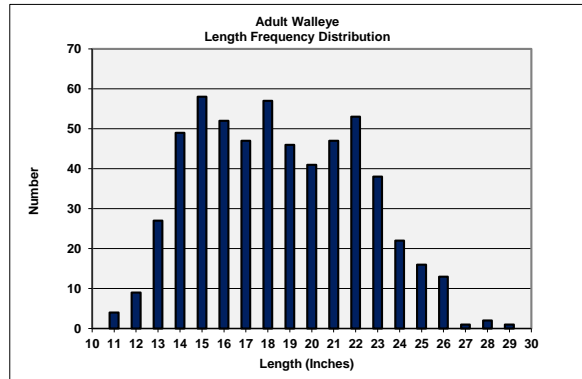
**WISCONSIN DNR
FISHERIES INFORMATION SHEET
NELSON LAKE, SAWYER COUNTY 2017**

The WDNR conducted a fisheries assessment of Nelson Lake, Sawyer County from April 4 to April 11, 2017.

Nelson Lake is a 2503 acre drainage lake with maximum depth of 33 feet. The fishery includes panfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, and walleye. Nelson Lake was estimated to contain 1364 walleye or 0.5 walleye per acre.



Walleye	
Total Captured	583
Avg. Length (in.)	18.6
Length Range (in.)	11-29
% >18"	58%



We are also conducting a creel (angler harvest) survey on Nelson Lake this year. Creel clerk Matt Kufahl will count and interview anglers and examine their catch throughout the fishing season.

Stocking History (Past 10 Years)

Year	Species	Number Fish Stocked	Avg Fish Length (IN)	Source
2016	White Sucker	1,025	12.0	Private Hatchery
2015	White Sucker	1,000	12.3	Private Hatchery
2015	Walleye	27,155	8.0	DNR Hatchery
2013	Walleye	12,510	6.8	DNR Hatchery
2012	Walleye	12,515	7.5	DNR Hatchery
2009	Walleye	11,042	6.5	DNR Hatchery
2008	Walleye	2,012	7.0	DNR Hatchery
2007	Walleye	4,258	6.7	DNR Hatchery
2006	Walleye	12,515	7.1	DNR Hatchery

A brief summary of selected fishing regulations is included below. While the regulatory information provided was current at the time the surveys were conducted, it is not comprehensive and should not be used as a substitute for the current fishing regulation pamphlet. You may obtain a copy of current fishing regulations when you purchase your fishing license, or download a copy from our web site at: <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/fishing/regulations/>

General Fishing Regulations for Nelson Lake, Sawyer County, 2017

FISH SPECIES	OPEN SEASON	DAILY LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH
Walleye	May 06-March 04	3	18" MINIMUM
Largemouth Bass	May 06-March 04	*5	NO MINIMUM
Smallmouth Bass	June 17-March 04	*5	NO MINIMUM
Muskellunge	May 27-November 30	1	40" MINIMUM
Northern Pike	May 06-March 04	1	32" MINIMUM
Panfish	all year	10	NO MINIMUM

*During harvest season for each species; you may keep any combination of five largemouth or smallmouth bass in total.

This report is interim only; data and findings should not be considered final. Results of creel surveys should be available by June of the year following the survey. If you are interested in a summary of the creel survey or want an update on this year's fyke netting and electrofishing survey results contact:

To access other northern Wisconsin fisheries surveys go to: <http://dnr.wi.gov/> and search Ceded Territory Fisheries Reports.

For answers to questions about fisheries management activities and plans for Nelson Lake, Sawyer County contact:

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